

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed non-skin cancer in women and is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the United States. Medicare provides coverage for an annual screening mammogram for all female beneficiaries aged 40 or older, as well as coverage for one baseline mammogram for female beneficiaries between the ages of 35 and 39.

What Can You Do?

As a health care professional who provides care to patients with Medicare, you can help protect the health of your Medicare patients by talking with them about the importance of regular mammography screening and encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered screening mammograms, as appropriate for them.

Resources from the MLN for Healthcare Professionals:

- [The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Healthcare Professionals](#) (see Chapter 8)
- [Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Information Chart](#)
- [Screening and Diagnostic Mammography](#)

Other Resources for Healthcare Professionals:

- [Breast Cancer Prevention- National Cancer Institute](#)
- [National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.](#)
- [The CDC' Breast Cancer Awareness website](#)